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SUBJ: JUNE MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AGENDA ITEM 15:
AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

SUMMARY: DURING CONSIDERATION BY IAEA BOARD OF DG
PROPOSAL THAT BAOARD BE GIVEN STANDING AUTHORITY TO
EXTEND OBSERVER STATUS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE TO CERTAIN
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO'S), SUDANESE REP,
SUPPORTED BY IRAQI REP, PROPOSED THAT PLO BE INCLUDED
IN SUCH INVITATION. PROPOSAL WAS NOT RPT NOT ADOPTED
BY BOARD AND DG NOTED IMPROPRIETY OF PROPOSAL. ACTION
REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR MISSION IN EVENT QUESTION
BECOMES ISSUE AT SEPTEMBER GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1. AT ITS AFTERNOON SESSION OF JUNE 11, BOARD TOOK UP
AS ITEM 15 ON AGENDA, CONSIDERATION OF
DRAFT OF DOCUMENT (CONTAINED GOV 1746) TO BE PRESENTED
TO SEPTEMBER GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR APPROVAL, WHICH
WOULD GIVE BOARD STANDING AUTHORITY TO INVITE NGO'S
NOT HAVING CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH AGENCY BUT BEING
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"CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPING USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR

PEACEFUL PURPOSES OR WITH RESEARCH IN THE NUCLEAR SCIENCES" TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS AT ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE G.C. (FYI: AT PRESENT, 19 NGO'S HAVE CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH AGENCY AND ARE ROUTINELY INVITED TO SEND OBSERVERS TO G.C. DG'S PROPOSAL WAS ANALOGOUS TO SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT APPROVED BY BOARD 1960 FOR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND FIRST PROPOSAL SINCE 1961 TO EXTEND LIST OF NGO'S INVITED).

2. SUDANESE GOVERNOR (HABASHI) INTERVENED AND, REFERRING TO UNGA RESOLUTION 3237 (XXIX) ACCORDING OBSERVER STATUS TO PLO IN GA, PROPOSED THAT PLO BE INCLUDED IN ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH SUCH INVITATION MIGHT BE EXTENDED. GOVERNOR FROM IRAQ (AL-SHAWVI) DELIVERED BRIEF SUPPORTING STATEMENT.

3. IN REPLY, DG EKLUND POINTED OUT THAT NGO'S IN QUESTION WERE THOSE WITH WHICH AGENCY HAD CLOSE AFFINITY OF INTEREST AND INDICATED THAT SUDANESE PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE. HE ALSO STATED THAT AGENCY INTENDED TO INVITE AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY, IASA, AND EUROPEAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY TO SEND OBSERVERS TO 1975 G.C. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM AND BOARD APPROVED DOCUMENT FOR G.C.

4. NEXT MOVE FOR SUPPORTERS OF PLO WOULD BE TO RAISE ISSUE AGAIN AT SEPTEMBER G.C. WHILE IT WOULD NOT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ALTER CRITERIA FOR OBSERVER STATES, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO MUSTER GENERAL SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION NGO'S NOT RPT NOT HAVING PLAUSIBLE INTEREST IN PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY OR NUCLEAR RESEARCH IN OBSERVER CATEGORY. HOWEVER, GOOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR RHETORICAL EXERCISE AT G.C.

5. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT APPROVAL OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN ILO PROMPTED WALK-OUT BY USDEL. WHILE WE DOUBT THAT WE WILL BE FACED WITH SIMILAR SITUATION IN SEPTEMBER G.C., MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL POLICY GUIDANCE FOR OUR USE IN COMBATting ANY FUTURE CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTEMPT THAT MIGHT BE MADE TO ACCORD OBSERVER STATUS TO PLO IN AGENCY AFFAIRS. LEAHY

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